

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY ENGINEER  
SANITATION DIVISIONDup.  
copyNOTICE OF VIOLATION  
AND  
ORDER TO COMPLYCERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTEDDate Sept. 30, 1982

File \_\_\_\_\_

To Fine Line PaintsLocation 1220C Los Nietos Rd. Santa Fe Springs

You are hereby directed to correct the following violations of Los Santa Fe Springs  
Angeles County Ordinance No. 562 and/or the conditions and limitations  
of Industrial Waste Disposal Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_ by see below, 19 \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 6301: A person shall not discharge any material which may create  
a public nuisance or which may pollute underground or  
surface waters.

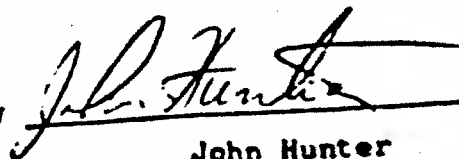
You are directed to immediately cease discharging paint and paint  
related materials to the ground. You are also required to remove the soil  
along the railroad tracks which has been contaminated with this material  
and take it to a legal point of disposal by 10/15/82. Properly signed  
hauling tickets must be available for our inspection.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, you may contact  
Mr. John Hunter at 866-7011 ext. 255, between 8:00 and 9:00 AM.

550 So. Vermont Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90020  
(213) 735-2521

STEPHEN J. KOONCE, COUNTY ENGINEER  
Kenneth R. Kvammen, Asst. Deputy Co. Engr

By



John Hunter

rw 41  
3-27-81

Complainant Gilbert Santa Fe Sprgs Plann Rec'd by John Hunter  
Address Santa Fe Springs City Hall Phone 868-0511 Date 9/30/82 Time 11:00  
Firm Name Fine Line Paints Assigned to John Hunter  
Location Address 12200 Los Nietos Rd. Referral: CRWQCB ( ) SMD ( )  
Date(s) of Occurrence Continuous LACoFCD ( ) LACoHD ( )  
Other  
Nature of complaint(violation) This company is washing equipment in the  
Railroad right-of-way behind their bldg.

Special Instructions Investigate

REPORT: (Narrative description of observations including physical condition of site, types of materials and chemicals, trade names, extent of waste flow, damage observed, statements of witnesses, preventive measures taken, location of sample points and directives given to alleged discharger.)

Three distinct areas of discharge were observed at the rear of this property(see sketch). The first area is located directly behind the main mixing room. Employees have been washing equipment on the railroad right-of-way resulting in a large area having a coating of paint residues on the soil. A second area to the southeast, just behind a drum storage area, had a pool of predominantly grey and black liquid along the tracks. Adjacent to this spill and along a concrete curb was a third area containing a deposit of hardened paint material on the surface. This material was made up of many individual layers of paint, indicating that many discharges have occurred. Mr. Westphalen said he would stop the discharges immediately and have the areas of concern cleaned. The AT & SF Railroad was informed of the situation. (OVER)

Witness/Contact Don Westphalen Address/Title Plt. Mgr. Phone 696-57

Witness/Contact Bob Henderson Address/Title SF. RR. Field Engr. Phone 267-55

Witness/Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Address/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Sample(s) taken NO Delivered to \_\_\_\_\_ Photos attached (xx) Ad'l pgs 6  
Citation (XX) Yes  
Issued ( ) No Type Order to Comply Ord. 562 Section(s) 6301

Follow-up Action Required A return inspection will be made to ensure  
adequate clean-up.

Investigation by John Hunter Date 9/30/82

FINE LINE PAINTS  
12200 LOS NIETOS RD  
SANTA FE SPRINGS

4/30/82



LOCATION  
OF  
PICTURES

LOS NIETOS

1. AREA WHERE  
EMPLOYEES HAVE  
BEEN CLEARNING  
EQUIPMENT, LEAVING  
"A COATING OF"  
MATERIAL ON SOIL

2. CURRENT DISCHARGE  
TO GROUND

3. AREA OF  
NUMEROUS POST  
SPILLS

FINE LINE PAINT 12200 LOS NIETOS RD



PICTURE #2

4/30/82

FINE LINE PAINT 12200 LOS NIETOS RD



PICTURE #1

4/30/82

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY ENGINEER  
PROJECT PLANNING AND POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION  
CHEMICAL ANALYSIS REQUEST

By CARL STORIG File No. 3240.10  
 Sample Source FINE LINE PAINTS 12200 LOS NILOS SANTA FE SPRINGS  
 Name and address or location  
 Sample Of Industrial Waste ☒ Water ☐ Sewage ☐ Other ☐  
 If Industrial Waste Specify  
 Type of Industry or Process PAINT VAT WASH OUT File No. J-163  
 Discharge Surface ☒ Subsurface ☐ Sewer ☐ Stored-Hauled ☐  
 Sampling Point SOIL BEHIND PLANT ALONG RAIL ROAD TRACKS  
 Specific location in treatment or process  
 Sample Marked FINE LINE Quant. 1 QT Temp. (F°) — Time 11:00 Date 10/21/82  
 Collector JOHAI HUNTER Special Instructions

\*Acid Extract

Parameter	✓	Mg/l or ppm	Parameter	✓	Mg/l or ppm
Calcium (Ca)	✓		Nickel (Ni)		
Magnesium (Mg)	✓		Selenium (Se)		
Sodium (Na)	✓		Chloride (Cl)		
Potassium (K)	✓		Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> )		
<del>IRON</del> <u>TITANIUM</u>	✓	<u>49.4 mg/kg</u>	Bicarbonate (HCO <sub>3</sub> )		
Manganese (Mn)			Carbonate (CO <sub>3</sub> )		
Aluminum (Al)			Hydroxide (OH)		
Boron (B)			Fluoride (F)		
Chromium (Cr)	✓	<u>277 mg/kg</u>	Phosphate (PO <sub>4</sub> )		
Silica (Si)			Cyanide (CN)		
Arsenic (As)			Sulfide (H <sub>2</sub> S)		
Barium (Ba)			Residual Chlorine (Cl <sub>2</sub> )		
Cadmium (Cd)	✓	<u>2.55 mg/kg</u>	Nitrate Nitrogen (NO <sub>3</sub> -N)		
Copper (Cu)			Nitrite Nitrogen (NO <sub>2</sub> -N)		
Lead (Pb)	✓	<u>1600 mg/kg</u>	Ammonia Nitrogen (NH <sub>3</sub> -N)		
Mercury (Hg)	✓	<u>8.33 mg/kg</u>	Organic Nitrogen (Org-N)		
Zinc (Zn)			Thiosulphate (S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )		
pH			Dissolved Oxygen (DO)		
Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )			Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)		
Alkalinity (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )			Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)		
Non-Carbonate Hardness			Dissolved Solids		
Oil & Grease			Suspended Solids		
Phenols			Total Solids		
MBAS (surfactants Anionic)			Settleable Solids		
Turbidity			Color		
Conductance (micromhos)			Odor		
Sodium Ratio			Coliform		

Remarks \*1.5 Acid Extract

Date Received Oct. 22, 1982 Laboratory No. 49296 Analysis by Water Quality Date Completed Dec. 10, 1982  
 Lab. LACFCD

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## Memorandum

To : Carl Nelson

Date : October 27, 1982

Subject: Enforcement Referrals  
Regarding Los Angeles (A-D)  
Area Sites

From : Maria Durand *MD*  
East Los Angeles (A-D) Area  
Abandoned Site Project  
8-657-4902 or 8-657-4791

*Önm*  
*10/27/82*

Fine Line Paint Corporation  
12200 Los Nietos Road  
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

Fine Line Paint Corporation was identified via the Wade Questionnaire. The primary product manufactured is paint. Pre-1972 disposal practice for waste-water and caustic was A7, on-site land disposal. Wastes are currently disposed of by recycling and contained for storage/transit.

Field check performed on 10/07/82 by ASP staff, noticed poor housekeeping. On-site inspection by L.A. Enforcement is needed.

MD/mr

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY ENGINEER  
PROJECT PLANNING AND POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION

INSPECTOR'S REPORT

TO: CARL SJOBERG DATE: 1/17/83

FROM: JOHN HUNTER FILE: \_\_\_\_\_

INDUSTRY: FINELINE PAINTS

12300 LOS HINTOS RD SANTA FE SPRING

REPORT: SEVERAL INSPECTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE SINCE THE INITIAL  
INVESTIGATION WAS MADE ON 7/30/82. NO DISCHARGES TO THE CANYON  
HAVE BEEN OBSERVED. AREAS 2 & 3 ON THAT REPORT HAVE BEEN  
CLEANED. AREA 2 HAS NOT BEEN. ACCORDING TO DON WESTBALEN,  
HE WAS INSTRUCTED BY THE RAILROAD COMPANY NOT TO REMOVE ANY  
OF THIS MATERIAL SINCE IT IS THE BALLAST ON ONE OF THEIR  
LINES, THE SAMPLE TAKEN ON 10/21/82 WAS TAKEN FROM  
AREA 2.



# FINE LINE PAINT CORPORATION

Paint - Manufacturers

ARCHITECTURAL - COMMERCIAL  
INDUSTRIAL

12200 LOS NIÑOS ROAD - SANTA FE SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA 92680 - 805-341-1111

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PROJECTS AND  
POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION

February 18, 1975

Mr. Roger L. Higbee  
Supervising Industrial Waste Engineering Inspector  
Department of County Engineer-Pollution Control  
16623 South Bellflower Boulevard  
Bellflower, CA 90706

Dear Mr. Higbee;

Re: Notice of Violation and Order to Comply

Since your inspection and the arrival of your letter of violation there has been no discharge of waste water and solvent waste on either the ground of our premises or of the right-of-way.

We have provided drums for solvent waste and drums for water waste and a special area in which to collect and hold such waste for dumping to a Class I Dump.

I should like to point out that the re-using of our solvent waste has been our practice in the past and will be continued, thus leaving virtually no "waste" anyway, since it is re-used. We shall from this time forward be similarly re-using our water-waste in succeeding batches. We have, accordingly, arranged a series of settling drums for our colored materials so that they can be re-used later. Therefore there will be only small quantities of waste to be dumped. When such waste has accumulated, we can dump it using one of our own trucks. We have also made arrangements on a contingency basis for dumping of such waste by our tenant, Al Rios, who has a pumper tank truck.

All of our employees have been notified of the problem and the gravity of any violation has been made known to them. Signs have been posted in all areas to inform and remind employees in this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
Herbert J. Holst, Vice President  
FINE LINE PAINT CORPORATION

HJH:ls

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY ENGINEER  
INDUSTRIAL WASTE DIVISION

NOTICE OF VIOLATION  
AND  
ORDER TO COMPLY

Date 4/10/69

File Violations & Complaint

To Fine Line Paint Corp., Mr. Art Holst, Secretary & Manager

Location 12200 Los Nietos Rd., Santa Fe Springs, California

You are hereby directed to correct the following violations of Los Angeles County Ordinance  
Section 6301, also included in Santa Fe Springs Ordinance 79.  
No. 6130 and to the extent of the violation of the above mentioned ordinance  
by                     , 19             

You have been washing your paint mixing kettles on your paved lot on  
the east side of your building at the above address and the Waste water  
flows to the unpaved area outside your driveway entrance, thence onward  
down to the unpaved public street gutter.

This creates a public nuisance and may be a menace to public health or  
safety and may pollute underground or surface waters. Such practice cannot  
be tolerated and must be discontinued from this day forward upon receipt  
of this order.

Any disposal of industrial waste must be done so in a proper manner and  
legalized by first obtaining an Industrial Waste Disposal Permit, as  
outlined in Section 6202. Any industrial waste hauled, must go to a  
legal disposal site and properly signed hauling tickets must be available  
to us for our final approval.

700 Los Angeles County  
Engineering Building  
108 West Second Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

JOHN A. LAMBIE, COUNTY ENGINEER  
CARROLL D. SMITH, DIVISION ENGINEER

By

Joe Knight  
Head Industrial Waste Engineering  
Inspector